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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Multi-Thread Peripheral Processing Using Dedicated Peripheral Bus**
Inventors: DENNIS *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$2,660.00 to cover the \$500.00 Appeal Brief fee and the \$2160.00 five month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
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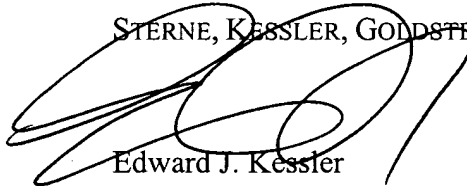
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Respectfully submitted,

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